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Thomas Cahill, 22, arraigned for hammer attack on grandfather

At about 8:45 p.m. on Dec. 2, the Sumpter Township Police Department was called to a residence on Arizona Street in the Holiday West mobile home community on the report of an assault.

Upon arrival, officers found an 82-year-old male who had been bludgeoned with a hammer, sustaining serious and traumatic injuries to his head.

Officers also found that the interior of the residence, along with the victim, had been doused with an accelerant and the stove burners left on, filling the home with natural gas. Evidence showed that the accelerant had attempted to be lit.

The subsequent investigation resulted in the suspect's vehicle being located by the Van Buren Township Police Department at a hotel in their jurisdiction at about 11 a.m. the next morning, Dec. 3. The suspect was located in a room and was taken into custody without incident.

Thomas Charles Cahill, 22, of Sumpter Township, who is the grandson of the victim, is facing numerous charges stemming from the incident. Cahill was arraigned Tuesday morning in the 34th District Court on the following charges: assault with intent to murder, torture, arson – second degree, larceny in a building and stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent.

He was charged as a habitual offender, second-offense notice.

A probable cause conference is set for Dec. 14 at 34th District Court, with a preliminary exam set Dec. 21.

A female acquaintance has been charged with Accessory After the Fact to a Felony, but she was yet to be arraigned as the Independent went to press.

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Holiday Train conductor is former Belleville resident, BHS graduate

Lonnie Brammer of Belleville alerts the community that when the Holiday Train came through town last Wednesday night, Nov. 30, the conductor on board was his brother-in-law David McDonald.

David grew up in Belleville on Judd Road and was in the Belleville High School class of 1986. He now lives in Southwest Michigan and has worked for Canadian Pacific railroad for six years.

After his trip David said, "What an amazing night! Left Windsor around 8 p.m. and made our way through Detroit and then through Southern Michigan and made our way to Elkhart. At least 15,000 people greeted us at every crossing between Detroit and Elkhart. So many smiling faces, so many happy babies. It warmed my heart and gave me the Christmas spirit."

Photo courtesy Lonnie Brammer

David McDonald, BHS class of '86, served as conductor on the Holiday Train that came through Belleville on Nov. 30. From left are his daughter Allie, wife Angie, David, and Lil' Dave.



Photo courtesy Ray Eissinger

The Belleville Community Chorus was recognized and honored by the Wayne County Council for Arts History and Humanities on Nov. 30 at its annual recognition award ceremony. The chorus was presented with the prestigious Artist Group Performer Award at a reception and ceremonies at the Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus. Chorus president Pete Jones, Director Susan Hiser (holding the award) and many of the chorus members were on hand for the event. Founder of the chorus, Claudia Roullier, gave the history of the group. The public can hear this local award-winning chorus at its upcoming winter concert titled "Home for the Holidays" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Belleville.

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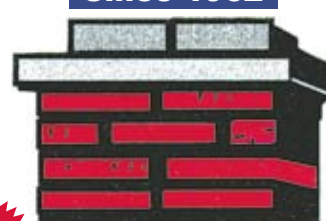
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Mayor appoints Randy Priest to fill Fitch's seat on Planning Commission

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

James Fitch, a 50-year resident of the city of Belleville and former council member who has been serving on the planning commission, resigned his commission seat because he and his wife are moving to Milan.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Kerreen Conley appointed Randy Priest to fill Fitch's seat on the planning commission and the council unanimously approved the appointment.



Randy Priest

"I am proud and honored to have been of service to the community as a council person," said Fitch in a farewell speech. He said he became active with the city around the time Kerreen Gellart (now Conley) was hired as city manager and Hal Berriman became police chief in 1995.

"I recently took a seat on the planning commission because of medical marijuana wanting to be set up in a house on my corner," Fitch said, adding he took it upon himself to scour the city from his house on Second Street -- where he had lived for 50 years -- to the lake to pass out information.

The parcel was not properly zoned for a medical marijuana facility, so that project did not go forward. Fitch recalled all the people crowding into the council chambers when the subject was discussed.

Fitch, a retired teacher, said he served on the fire department with current Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria. He also said he got to know the newly appointed Councilman Jesse Marcotte at the planning commission.

"I can leave the city knowing it's still in good hands," Fitch said.

Priest, who will fill Fitch's seat on the planning commission starting with the Dec. 8 meeting, had applied for the vacant seat on the city council and had been interviewed by the council on Nov. 15.

Priest has lived in the city for 16 years and is a retired math teacher. He said he is always volunteering. He goes to a church downtown next to Comerica Park and has worked with sound equipment for First United Methodist Church in Detroit. For a recent event, television channels 4 and 7 plugged into his equipment.

He has been on the city's Board of Review and serves on the finance committee at his church.

Mayor Conley said with this appointment the planning commission is fully staffed

again.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved annual permits with Wayne County for special events, pavement restoration and maintenance;

- Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer announce that the city is still working on numbers for proposed special assessment districts for the upgrading of city streets. Mayor Conley had wanted to have another public meeting on the street project before the end of the year;

- Discussed an ordinance to repeal ordinance 88-255 and replace it with a new Special Events Ordinance that was prepared by Councilman Tom Fielder, with input from Councilman Tom Smith, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, and Kim Tindall. Suggestions from Monday's discussion will be put in the ordinance and it will be discussed again before a public hearing is set, possibly for Jan. 3. Mayor Conley said had this new ordinance been in effect, Santa flying into the high school before the parade on Saturday never would have happened. The Chamber of Commerce did not alert the city manager or police and fire departments in advance and they knew nothing about it. Also, the air cannon shooting out candy and T-shirts in the parade shouldn't have happened, since you can't "throw candy," the mayor said, noting that is a long-standing rule. Fire Chief Brian Loranger confessed it was the fire department that used the air cannon. "You can't do that, Brian," Mayor Conley said. Chief Loranger said they learned you can't use Hersey kisses in an air cannon since, "the foil just flies off." A requirement for posting a deposit for clean up of city streets/sidewalks after an event will be added to the ordinance. Kelly Bates pointed out that Main Street was littered after the fireworks on Saturday and the sponsors should be responsible for clean up. Kim Tindall said the Strawberry Festival gets the streets swept on Monday at a cost to the taxpayers. "It's not fair to taxpaying residents," she said. "We can't pick up leaves, but pay our guys to pick up the chamber's mess";

- Approved accounts payable of \$129,062.90 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Atchinson Ford, \$34,165 for the DPW truck from various departments; to Konica Minolta, \$4,904 for a copier for the police chief's office and \$4,857 for a copier for the upstairs police office; to Miss Dig System, \$848.94 for annual membership and maintenance fees from general fund / water department; and to Election Source, \$726.75 for voting equipment tests from



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville Councilman Tom Smith presents the award to Belleville Area Council for the Arts president Mendie Russell for the best scarecrow in the Adult Groups/Organizations category. Two other winners of awards were not present at the Nov. 21 council meeting to get their plaques: Boneheads for the best Business entry and Rawsonville Elementary School for the best in the Youth Organizations category.



Belleville Councilman Jesse Marcotte, left, presents an award to Felicia Turman a stand-in for Kent Jones, winner of the Families and Individuals category in the city's 2016 scarecrow contest that brought 29 scarecrows to downtown Belleville.

the general fund/clerk budget;

- Heard DPW Director Rick Rutherford say they are trying to get the word out that there will be a dumpster in the DPW yard until Dec. 16 where people can bring their leaves. The city will look into how much it will cost to extend Republic Waste's yard waste pickup next year. Also, the city is looking for people or groups to pick up bags of leaves at the curb for the elderly

and disabled; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss pending union negotiations and later went back into public session only to adjourn.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Board OKs 2017 budget, 4-3

This is going to be a very interesting four years in Van Buren Township.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the new VBT board of trustees voted 5-2 (Frazier and Miller against) to approve the 2016 amended budget and 4-3 to approve the proposed 2017 budget.

New Trustees Sherry Frazier and Paul White, plus reelected Trustee Reggie Miller were the dissenters on the 2017 budget.

Trustee Frazier opposed the \$3,500 raise for Clerk Wright who wanted "parity" with Treasurer Budd. He had worked eight years and Budd 25 years. Their longevity pay (before longevity was cancelled) was rolled into their salaries a few years back and the 3% raises are on top of that.

Frazier was critical of all the salaries adjusted upward beyond the 3%. And, she questioned where the 3% for all salaried personnel came from with the Visteon bond costs pending and unfunded health care liability.

Trustee Miller was concerned about the raises above the 3% given to the planning and economic director and his deputy as unfair to other hard-working employees.

Trustee White, former VBT supervisor, voted no on the new budget because it is \$4.875 million over revenue and is balanced by using all the landfill tipping fees for the year plus \$617,970 from the fund balance.

The meeting was boisterous, but Sup. McNamara kept it in order. Hold on to your hats. There's more to come.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Makaela, a seven-year-old student at Keystone Academy, is fighting bone cancer and recently had a leg amputated.

She was on Channel 2 News on Saturday night. She had gone to see Santa in Taylor and Mary Rosencrans, a photographer and big-hearted human being, set it all up. The TV report showed Makaela telling Santa she wanted a puppy for Christmas and Santa saying he wasn't sure that was a good idea since puppies take a lot of care. Makaela assured Santa she would take care of a puppy.

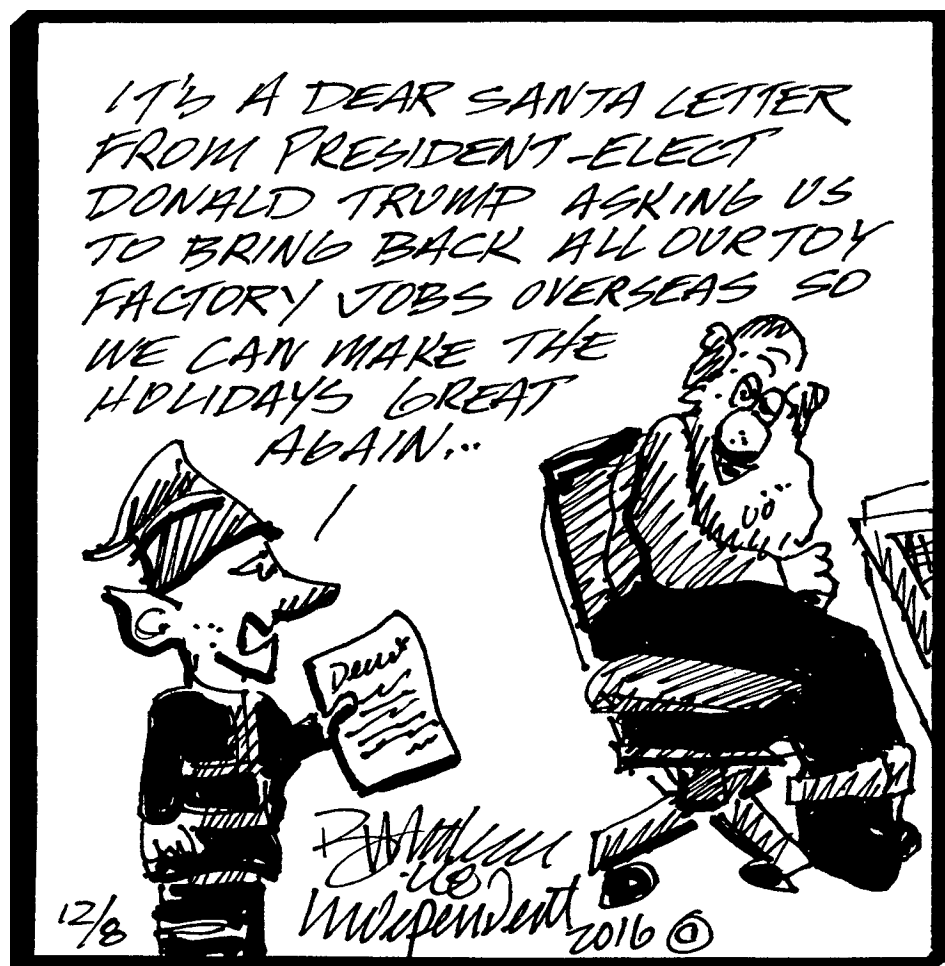
Santa looked into his bag and found – a puppy. A very happy Makaela was shown on television news and Rosencrans took many photographs of Makaela and her mother with Santa and the puppy. Nice story.

A 20-year extension for Fermi 2's operating license was put on hold last week because an activist group has convinced the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to take a closer look at how potassium iodide pills would be distributed to area residents if the plant ever has a major release of radioactive steam, according to reports in daily papers in Michigan and Ohio.

Those residents living within the 10-mile emergency planning zone around the plant would get the highest priority – that includes the Belleville area.

The NRC originally planned to extend the plant's license, but it called a timeout because of a last-minute legal contention raised by Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2, or CRAFT.

CRAFT is the group that has been sending letters and updates to the Independent on



Fermi 2.

Van Buren Township Police Officer Ryan Bidwell announced that his department's "Shop with a Hero" was to be Dec. 5 at Meijer and at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at Walmart. This is when police officers and fire fighters take children shopping for Christmas gifts with lots of donations from the officers and the stores involved.

A federal judge ordered the hand recount of ballots for President in the state of Michigan to begin at noon on Monday.

Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery said all the ballots in Wayne County will be counted by the county at Cobo Hall. She said the county was organizing on Monday and all the municipalities were told to get their bags of ballots to Cobo Hall on Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. The count was to begin at 9 a.m.

The judge decreed counting days of 11 hours each until the job is done. John Delaney of Van Buren Township said he is one of those who will be officially watching the count in Detroit.

Green Party Presidential Candidate Jill Stein got contributions of almost a million dollars that she turned over to Michigan for the recount, while some estimate the effort to cost \$5 million or so.

She also filed for recounts in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

At Monday's city council meeting, the council and members of the audience were raving about how wonderful the Winter Fest was on Saturday and how nice the parade was. Mayor Conley said there were over 400 people signed up for the Jingle Bell Run before registration started.

Kelly Bates, recently appointed to the city planning commission, told how much she enjoyed experiencing her first Winter Fest and, "I feel like I live in a Hallmark movie."

My son, Bill, got a brand-new knee a week ago and so we've been watching the knee heal and Bill walking without much pain. Before the surgery, he could barely walk, since the pain was so great. And, he was off work waiting for the surgery.

The physical therapy is painful, but it all is for a greater result. He is very happy to be home, since hospitals are not a good place to sleep, eat, and heal.

Bill is anxious to get back to work at DST in Romulus, where his hoist is waiting for him to get back to working on vehicles.

This knee business all started 40 years ago when he was a teenager who rode a minibike into a parked car. I never could keep track of that kid.



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Letters

Thank you, Belleville, for Christmas spirit

To the Editor,

Although there are far too many to mention, it needs to be attempted. First, all the businesses that allowed their business name to be used on air. Second, Egan's Pub, Haywards Liquor and Marina, Sam's Place, Belle's Resale, and Bayou Grille for allowing the radio station to interact at their businesses.

On Saturday the key places were Egan's Pub for the use of their building for banners, Bayou Grille for posters in their windows, The Soup Crawl for banners on their tent, and the Belleville Area Museum for allowing a ton of signs.

Let us not forget Santa flying in from the North Pole by helicopter due to the lack of snow. This was a partnership built by Randy Brown with the helicopter pilot.

All the businesses that sponsored lighted ice sculptures -- those looked great during the parade.

Although they are not area businesses, the dedication from Belleville Fire and Police as well as Van Buren Fire Department was the only way Santa was able to fly in. Our gratitude for these men and women in uniform cannot be expressed enough.

There is also the crowd itself to thank. Without them showing up there wouldn't be a reason for such an event.

This was my first year being able to see Winter Fest and I was impressed. The dedication to lights, the workmanship on the floats are just incredible.

Be proud Belleville, Michigan. I looked at several other communities that had parades last night, all of which are much larger and I would match this city's energy and dedication against any of them!

I hope to be a part of the festivities again next year, but I cannot predict the future. That being said, I truly believe next year will be even more festive and I really don't want to miss it.

Again, thank you, Belleville, for your Christmas spirit!

Jeff Vernon

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Santa's Mailbox
Santa's Mailbox is outside next to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce for the children to send their letters to the Jolly Old Elf. The Chamber is located at 248 Main Street, Belleville.

Progressive League fund raiser is Friday

To the Editor,

The Sumpter Progressive Civic League is having a Christmas Party Fund Raiser on Friday, Dec. 9, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Moose lodge, 45476 Harris Road, at Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets available from Christy, (734) 217-9309, or Karithea, (734) 306-4788. DJ is Antwan "Big Dog" Riley. Cash bar. Food available. Door prizes and 50-50 raffle.

Karithea Murry Hanible, president
Sumpter Progressive Civic League

Thanks to Michelle Wloch for her help

To the Editor:

My thanks to Michelle Wloch at the library for all her help in finding information on former resident and BHS graduate Edwin Brooks who passed away in a car accident. He led quite a fascinating life.

My friend in California, Hank, was so pleased to get the information.

Marlene Avery
Van Buren Township

Congratulations! To Vera Z. Howell

To the Editor,

Congratulations to Vera Z. Howell, former resident of Victoria Commons, on her acting performance.

Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, MI 48238. Limited seating. (313) 868-1347.

Vera Z. Howell
Southfield

St. Jude's Novena has answered my prayers

To the Editor:

I have said this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised when you receive what you've been asking for:

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This Novena has worked for me many times. Never give up; be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord our God will be with you wherever you go. "Thank you, again," St. Jude, for answering my novena.

Linda Perry of Milan

Moose invites public to New Year's Eve Party

The public is invited to a New Year's Eve Party at the Moose Lodge 934 at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township.

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Obituaries



Mildred L. Hammond

MILDRED L. HAMMOND

Mildred L. Hammond, age 88, of Belleville, died December 04, 2016 at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. She was born in Saline, Michigan.

Mildred worked as a cafeteria food service worker 14.5 years for Van Buren School District. She attended Evangel Baptist Church in Taylor, Michigan.

Mrs. Hammond joined her husband of 55 years with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Memorial contributions may be made to Evangel Baptist Church, 16994 Telegraph, Taylor, Michigan 48180.

She most would be known for her kind spirit and devotion to her family; loving mother of 5 children Larry (Kathy) Hammond, Dennis (Karen) Hammond, Candy (Mark) Fromer, Mark (Jane) Hammond and Mary Ann (Mark) Brett.

Guests were always welcomed in her home with pleasant hospitality and delicious home cooking. Her hobbies included camping, cooking, baking, gardening, playing piano and home making. By her life she would most like you to share in the knowledge of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her favorite Bible verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away behold, all things have become new," was instrumental in leading her to Faith in Christ for eternal salvation.

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Howard Edward Thompson

HOWARD EDWARD THOMPSON

(July 29, 1941 – November 27, 2016)

Howard E. Thompson, age 75, of Ypsilanti, died November 27, 2016. Beloved husband of Josephine Thompson. Loving father of Bridgette, Joseph (Warrena), Brian, Theodore, David and Mark. Dearest grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 10. He is also survived by his sister Mary. He is preceded in death by his parents E.J. and Odelia Thompson and his brothers Ron and Lester. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, Flat Rock.



Carole Mae Meshinski

CAROLE MAE MESHINSKI

(August 16, 1944 - November 30, 2016)

Carole Mae Meshinski of Van Buren Township, died early Wednesday morning, November 30, 2016, at 72 years of age.

Carole is the loving wife of Michael for fifty-two wonderful years; dear mother of Michael of Taylor, Robert (Marilyn) of Romulus and Holly (Jason) Speirs of Florida; cherished sister of Bernice Buckle of Washington, Pat Buckle of Florida, Rosemarie Buckle of Florida and Regina Buckle of Canada. Carol is also the proud grandmother of Jacob and she is also survived by her beloved animal family, "Dakota" "Bella" and "Katie."

Born on August 16, 1944 to Albert and Adena Buckle in Detroit, Michigan, the Meshinski family settled in Van Buren Township in 1984. Carole was an active and devoted parishioner at St. Stephen Catholic Church of New Boston, running and maintaining the food pantry for many years. She also enjoyed playing golf, bowling, horseback riding, playing cards and gardening. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen Church, 18858 Huron River Dr., New Boston, 48164.

Visiting hours were Thursday, 4 until 8 p.m., and Friday, 2 until 8 p.m., at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, 48111. (734) 697-4500. The rosary was prayed Friday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Church.

Sumpter Fire Fighters called to house fire on Clark Road on Nov. 20

Sumpter Township Fire Fighters were called for mutual aid to fight a house fire on Clark Road at about noon on Sunday, Nov. 20.

When they got there they found Huron Township Fire Fighters had determined the fire was on Sumpter's side of the road, after all, and so both departments fought Sumpter's fire together.

A Sumpter spokesperson said a homeowner had fallen asleep in front of his burning fireplace and woke up to hear loud crackling and popping noises. His house was on fire from the fireplace. He tried to put it out himself and couldn't.

A passerby, who called 911, said he could see flames from the road.

The homeowner was taken to a hospital with minor injuries. The frame house was a complete loss.

Cahill arraigned

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The victim remains in critical condition at a nearby hospital.

Thomas Cahill is the nephew of Charles James Cahill, Jr., 49, who recently pled guilty to five charges in the drunk driving crash death of a 12-year-old girl. He will be sentenced on Jan. 13.

More Letters

In memory of Janet (Bitnar) Oliver

To the Editor,

I have written a memorial poem in memory of Janet (Bitnar) Oliver. Her memorial service is at the Episcopal Church on Dec. 10 at 1-2 p.m. I can't come from Scottsdale, Arizona, but I'd like her family to know I'm with them in this time of celebrating her life. Thank you.

Rosalie (Bird) Doolittle
Scottsdale, AZ

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Written by Rosalie (Bird) Doolittle
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Scarecrow Contest needs improvement

To the Editor,

I have lived in Belleville for about three years and every year have enjoyed the creative people who produced the scarecrows that line Main Street. So, this year I decided to enter the contest myself.

I went to city hall and got the free frame and obtained the form. I had a lot of fun creating my three-dimensional art form, even though I spent about 10 hours and a few dollars to do it. It was worth it. I took it to city hall by the deadline date and saw some of the other entries and was amazed at the creativity and talent of the people who entered.

I was told that the judging took place at the Harvest Fest. So, I waited, thinking the paper would publish who won, but no. Not the next week, or the next, or the next, so I went to city hall and was told I would have to go to a city council meeting to find out who won.

If this is truly a contest and not just a way to publicize the city's events, then why should the contestants have to wait a whole month and one-half to find out who won?

Maybe next year the city can get three-dimensional artists to judge the contest and post the results the very next week in the *Independent*. Give the winners some recognition by posting signs that say 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners right on the scarecrows.

The city doesn't treat this contest like a real contest and this should change. I have also written a letter to the mayor about this, but if you agree with me, write the mayor and ask her to improve this program.

Pam Delisle

Entry "Crafty Lady Pam"

Can't use Metro Park without a permit

To the Editor:

They closed Huron River Drive over the Huron River, and according to them they are not letting people use the park without a park permit. That does not seem fair to residents that commute to work in that area. Also what about emergencies for Police and Fire vehicles?

Frank Hanes

Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor:

This is a thank you to St. Jude. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

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Matthes Tree Farm in nearby Ida, Michigan, features more than 100 acres of cut your own Christmas trees and pre-cut trees now through Dec. 18. Weekends are filled with family holiday fun with a Christmas shop, petting zoo, pony rides, hay rides, crafts, fresh garland and other décor and, of course, Santa Claus. Their ad coupon in today's paper will save you \$3 off a tree. To learn more visit www.mattestreefarm.com and call (734) 269-2668. Like them on Facebook, too.

Tin Pan Saloon and Pizza will be hosting a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 17, with live music by Wreckage, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The restaurant also sells a lot of crab leg dinners on Saturday dinner specials. Call (734) 699-9070.

The Belleville Area District Library will host Santa Claus on Monday, Dec.

12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Santa will also be across the street at the Belleville Area Museum on Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. presented by the Belleville Central Business Community. At the museum get a free professional photo courtesy of Genisys Credit Union and Tucker Agency. I like to hear how area businesses step up and sponsor events as Winter Fest weekend featured over a dozen sponsors. The Belleville Chamber put on a great party and parade and Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic shows were spectacular. The fireworks over the lake were best ever, according to reports. Only 17 more days until Christmas.

The Ypsilanti Eagles are holding a Holiday Bake Auction on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at their hall at 2935 Holmes Road. Bid on desserts and baked goods with the proceeds going to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township. For more information, or to donate a baked good, call Kathi Tincher at (734) 635-9141.

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• **Thursday, Dec. 8** – “The Soldiers Who Didn’t Make it Home For Christmas” will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of its ongoing Homegrown Knowledge series. Local history experts from the Bring Our Boys Home group will share stories of Civil War soldiers from the Belleville area who lost their lives in the war. Free. Refreshments.

• **Saturday, Dec. 10** – Belleville Area Museum Children’s Christmas Ornament Workshops and photos with Santa, at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. Free framed photos of Santa with each child.

• **Saturday, Dec. 10** – Belleville Community Chorus presents its “Home for the Holidays” winter concert at 7 p.m. in the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Free, but donations supporting the chorus are welcome.

• **Sunday, Dec. 11** – Swift Charities and Swift Transportation of New Boston are holding their second-annual Christmas Dinner for Our Veterans at the Belleville Moose Lodge. Proceeds will help fund Pets

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• **Sunday, Dec. 11** – To be announced: musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, Dec. 12** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, invites the public to a coffee hour at noon at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Sen. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township. Tell him your concerns about state or local issues. (517) 373-7800

• **Monday, Dec. 12** – Santa is coming to the Belleville Area District Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Children may whisper their wishes into his ear or hand him a list they have written. Free. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras.

• **Thursday, Dec. 15** – Come join the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue for a Holiday Bake Auction from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Eagles, 2935 Holmes Road. Bid on delicious desserts and fill your holiday table with homemade baked goods. Donated baked goods can be dropped off Dec. 15 no later than 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit FMAR. Information: (734) 635-9141.



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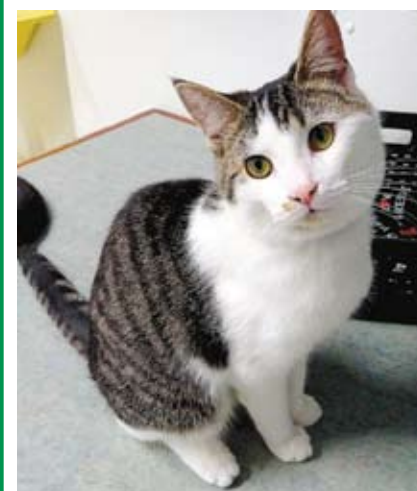
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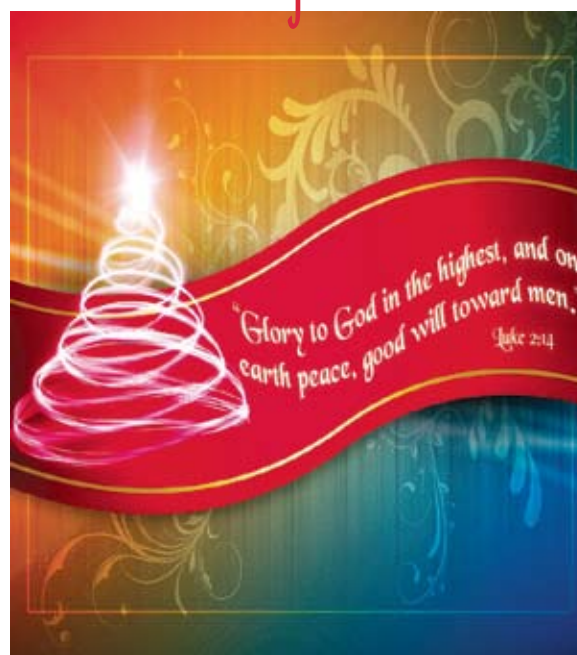
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According to many voters across America the nation needed a change of direction and that path lay strewn with scathing and

contemptible language as well as a litany of false promises and unabashed bigotry.

According to Mrs. Ruth E. Bleeker of Belleville it was as if God Almighty had ordained the election of Donald J. Trump to become the 45th U.S. President. The so called "evangelical leadership" fully embraced the demented and hate-filled policies that Trump continuously advocated throughout his campaign speeches.

It was obviously apparent during the embarrassing debate process that he was completely unfamiliar with and utterly ignorant of the definition of a democratic republic. Mr. Trump was running to be chosen as monarch rather than president.

While the one process that might continue America's greatness, the Electoral College, certainly could muster the perseverance and righteous judgment to measure the popular vote that Mrs. Clinton overwhelmingly won and thereby cast their unanimous support for the republican runner-up and Ohio Governor John Richard Kasich!

Nah, that won't happen because the establishment is too entrenched in politics as usual. Right, Donald? The old adage "be careful of what you wish for" has never been more insightful than with the challenges of a Trump administration.

In 1933 Germany was embracing many of the same prejudiced policies that are now inherent in the republican party today; the very same policies that we were warned against by the vastly underrated republican President Dwight David Eisenhower.

Otherwise, locally, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Millage has passed and of course the police department personnel are thankful that the patrol officer's union President Adam Byrd at last understood that their enhanced wage and legacy costs demanded his full support the second time around; these wage and benefits package increases will be felt more severely in coming month as the budget is now fully exposed to the public for scrutiny.

Similarly the enhancement to the command officers benefits package is also worthy of questioning because without the Landfill Fund contributions this township would be bankrupt. Let's hope that the new board can find ways to encourage growth and development of new neighborhoods and businesses in our community in order that we might continue to enhance the quality of life in Van Buren Township.

I offer my condolences to the new township supervisor, Kevin McNamara, since he will have to learn to curtail the dissension amongst the new board members and hopefully keep them moving together in one direction for the good of the residents of this community.

Already several have acted like frog hatchlings making a lot of croaking

noises without really focusing on the issues. Then there is the problem of having several trustees each posturing for TV exposure. Come on, people, you needn't keep commenting merely to have the last word! And Clerk Wright, please stop with the speeches. You need to be quick and concise with your facts and delivery. You're at your best when you limit your presentation to just a minute or two.

No offense intended,
CeJay Marshall
VBT resident

We have not begun to fight; God bless America

To the Editor,

Matthew 25:45 "...whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."

Contrary to the views of an editorial letter printed 12/1/17, unfortunately, not all "Americans of all races can look forward to a bright new beginning — a healing process the likes of which we have never witnessed in our lifetime."

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These 25 million American voters watched all of this and still saw fit to elect him to the most powerful position on the planet.

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State of Michigan
Case No.: 16-4876-SP

TO: Andrew Michael Meyer

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The subject real property is situated in Sumpter Township, State of Michigan. The four (4) parcels at issue have the following tax IDs: 81 11699 0001 705; 81 11699 0001 706; 81 11699 0001 707, and; 81 11699 0001 708.

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Sumpter board honors fire dept. service of Donald LaPorte, Jr.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Nov. 22, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees honored fire fighter Donald LaPorte, Jr., who was resigning to move out of the township.

He said he has bought his first house in Livonia after being hired by the City of Farmington as a public safety officer, certified in police, fire, and EMT services.

He said he patrols in a SUV in his police uniform, with his fire gear and EMT equipment in the rear. If he arrives at a fire, he said he takes off his bullet-proof vest and dons his fire department turnout gear and fights the fire.

"It's a blast," he reported.

LaPorte's father, Donald LaPorte, Sr., is a Sumpter fire fighter and an elected township trustee.

LaPorte, Jr. said his father got him involved in the Sumpter fire department five or six years ago.

Trustee LaPorte said he was very proud

of his son who went on 30 calls a month. He said his son showed a lot of dedication and devoted a lot of time to the fire department.

Trustee LaPorte invited people of the community to come forward and apply to be paid-per-call fire fighters.

"It's very, very rewarding," Trustee LaPorte said, adding, for example, he was able to come home earlier that day and tell his wife, "I just saved a boy's life."

Township Supervisor John Morgan presented LaPorte, Jr. with a plaque honoring six years of service and the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters union local gave him another plaque. Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk said LaPorte, Jr. could take the shield with his number off his helmet to keep, if he wanted to.

The township board accepted his resignation, with regret.

In other business at the Nov. 22 meeting, the board:

- Held a moment of silence for former township Trustee Linda Kennedy who died



Don LaPorte, Jr., right, was honored with a plaque from Sumpter Township at the Nov. 22 board meeting. Presenting the plaque was Sumpter Supervisor John Morgan and LaPorte's father, Trustee Don LaPorte, Sr., at left. LaPorte, Jr., was resigning from the Sumpter Fire Department because he has moved to Livonia.

on Nov. 19;

- Approved the renewal of Blue Care Network for 2017 at its renewal date of Feb. 1. Jack Smith of Burnam Flowers insurance agency said in 2012 they met with the township's insurance committee and set up a health reimbursement account, which saved money. But in 2014 the Affordable Care Act came into play and now employees are absorbing more cost. He said there was an unexpected 4% decrease last February and now there is a 4.5% increase as of Feb. 1, so it's a pretty much zero increase. Recently, they were advised of an upcoming 17% increase and, "We're shopping it now," Smith said;

- Approved the return from leave of absence of Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk, but restricted him to administrative duties until further notice. Chief Januszyk had taken a leave to attend the Eastern Michigan University School of Staff and Command, from which he recently graduated. But, he is suffering from a torn rotator cuff and is facing surgery on Dec. 5;

- Approved removing Rick Brown as interim fire chief and reinstated him as deputy chief;

- Approved placing Sumpter fire fighter Jamie Goode on the Washtenaw County Hazardous Material Response Team, since he teaches hazmat in his real job. "He'll make us look great," Chief Januszyk said;

- Approved the township's workshop

and regular board meeting schedule as presented for 2017. The meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, with the workshop at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of Dec. 26, 2017, which is the day after Christmas;

- Approved the planning commission's meeting dates as quarterly on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. on Jan. 12, April 13, July 13, and Oct. 12. If a hearing is requested, there could be meetings set on the second Thursdays of other months;

- Approved advertising for bids for labor to remove existing bleachers and install new aluminum bleachers in the fairgrounds area;

- Approved Supervisor Morgan's re-appointment of Joy Cichewicz to the planning commission with a term to expire Nov. 20, 2019. The board also approved the supervisor's reappointment of Trustee Matthew Oddy as board liaison to and voting member of the planning commission;

- Approved Supervisor Morgan's appointment of Jennifer Massel to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire Nov. 20, 2019. The board also approved Morgan's reappointment of Trustee Oddy as board liaison to and voting member of the ZBA;

- Heard Chief Januszyk report on how

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Dec. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board work/study session, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., holding public hearing on whether to continue two-story requirement for development in downtown Belleville.
- Monday, Dec. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 12 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m., quarterly meeting.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Bake Auction to benefit FMAR Dec. 15

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Birthdays

- Dec. 3 – Jackie Kyler-Sargent
- Dec. 8 – Khloe Williams
- Dec. 10 – Kathy Kulwicki
- Dec. 11 – Ruth Duda, Lori Demond
- Dec. 12 – Todd Atchinson
- Dec. 13 – Jeff Barnett, Jeanne Bukis, Beverly Powell
- Dec. 18 – Russ Peabody, Paul Smith, Rhonda Dutton

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 29, 2016

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Miller, Trustee Martin and Trustee White. Others in attendance: I.T. Director Rankin, Public Services Director Taylor, DDA Director Ireland, Developmental Services Director Akers, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson, Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Public Safety Director Laurain, Administrative Assistant Fleming, Sergeant Keele, Lt. Bazzy, Senior Director Jordan, Cable Director McCracken, Executive Assistant Selman, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Zaenglein and an audience of eight (8).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: None.

New officials expressed gratitude for all the assistance received in understanding the revenue sources and operational costs associated with providing services to the community.

PUBLIC HEARING: White moved, Wright seconded to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. to receive public comment on the 2016 amended General Fund Budget, 2017 proposed General Fund Budget, Special Revenue Funds [Community Development Block Grants, Downtown Development Authority, LDFA Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, 9-1-1 Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund and State Forfeiture Fund] and the 2017 proposed Salary Schedule. Motion Carried. Supervisor McNamara presented a brief overview of the 2016 amended and 2017 proposed General Fund budgets, Special Revenue Funds and 2017 proposed salary schedule based on the revenues received from all sources and encouraged public comment. Board members expressed that numerous hours have been spent reviewing the budget taking into consideration Departmental funding requests. Clerk Wright expressed his desire to include revenues generated from the Waste Management Landfill in the General Fund Budget as opposed to Special Revenue Funds going forward. Historically the Waste Management Landfill funds were accounted for as a special revenue fund at the desire of previous Boards who wished to utilize these funds for special projects in the community however, funds have traditionally been used to balance the budget. Wright indicated that placing the revenue funds in the General Fund Budget would provide the public an improved understanding of total revenues vs. expenditures and highlight the importance and value

provided by the Waste Management Landfill revenues. Supervisor McNamara will consult with the Township accounting firm to determine proper placement in the budget of the Waste Management Landfill revenues going forward and present his findings to Board members by June 2017. The balanced 2017 proposed budget reflects a deficit of \$321,319 (revenues v. expenditures) which will be transferred from the General Fund fund balance reducing the overall General Fund fund balance to approximately 10.5 mil which could be earmarked for future debt obligations and legacy costs. Supervisor McNamara attributed a significant portion of the deficit to increased health care costs and retroactive pay afforded to public safety personnel who recently ratified their contracts. No public comment was received. Budd moved, Miller seconded to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Board members expressed the desire to have an orientation session for new officials and requested the budget process be started earlier citing Michigan Township Association Budget process guidelines. New Board members were encouraged to attend the Michigan Township Association orientation for new officials and budgeting classes. Supervisor McNamara stated an orientation session with new officials would be forthcoming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor McNamara announced the next meeting of the Board of Trustees would be the Work Study Session of December 5, 2016 followed by the Board of Trustees meeting on December 6th, 2016 at which time the 2016 amended and 2017 proposed budgets, special revenue funds and 2017 salary schedule would be considered for approval. He further announced the opportunity for Van Buren Charter Township to become co-owner, at 5%, with multiple communities of the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA). Co-ownership would allow improved oversight of the processes and could potentially lead to lowered overall sewer treatment rates. Additional information will be presented at a future Board meeting. Clerk Wright thanked Bob and Marie Krouse on behalf of the Clerk's office and the community for the placement of flags on the grave sites of veterans in the Township cemeteries. They have been providing this service to the Township for over two decades.

NON-AGENDA: None.

ADJOURNMENT: White moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: December 8, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville City Council Called Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

A special called meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

City Council Vacancy Interviews

The following five (5) candidates were interviewed in the order indicated:

1. Randy Priest
2. Jeff Vernon

3. Kelly Bates
4. Jesse Marcotte
5. Martha Brown

City Council members interviewed each candidate. Mayor Conley then called for a motion to make an appointment.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adopt **Resolution 16-115** appointing Mr. Jesse Marcotte to fill the vacancy (unexpired term) on City Council effective November 21, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: November 21, 2016

Published: December 8, 2016

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes November 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda with the addition of the Jungle Bell Run.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of October 17, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Proclamation – Veteran's History and Appreciation Month

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve the Proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Winter Fest Activities

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve as presented **Resolution No. 16-111** for the annual

Winter Fest Activities on December 2, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Winter Fest Fireworks

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve as presented **Resolution No. 16-112** for the Winter Fest Fireworks display to be held on December 3, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Jingle Bell Run

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve as presented **Resolution No. 16-113** for the annual Jingle Bell Run with street closures.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. City Attorney – Medical Marihuana.

City Attorney Steve Hitchcock presented to Council the new legislation regarding PA 281, 282, and 283, which allows for various licenses issued by the State including provisioning centers that can sell marihuana to patient card holders and care givers. These laws will not go into effect until December 2017.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-114** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 for a total of \$42,243.22.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana J. Kollmeyer, City Manager

Approved: November 21, 2016

Published: December 8, 2016

More Letters

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sympathetic to White Nationalists. We will not be coming together to heal and move

forward. I don't know if he will keep his word and deliver on all his promises to evangelicals and the Far Right. However, I give you my word we haven't begun to fight. His every legislation will be fought by Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, and tens of millions of us who work every day

for social justice.

This is not about politics. This is not about Right versus Left. This is about right versus wrong. Trump will not be in power forever. The fact that 25 million voters endorsed his evil is something we will never forgive.

God Bless America, indeed. We desperately need it.

Vikki Kasperek
Sumpter Township

Sumpter

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a little girl student at Keystone Academy, who was back at school after surgery to fight cancer, was named honorary Chief for the Day and was taken to school with her mother in a fire truck on a recent morning. He said the special event was the work of Deputy Chief Ron Brown and Fire Fighter Dan Frost;

• Heard Trustee Don Swinson report that while all the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission came to a recent public session on the proposed updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan, only one member of the public attended. Trustee Swinson said they plan to have another public meeting on the master plan;

• Heard Trustee Swinson report that the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce donated 200 stockings for the Dec. 14 Supervisor's Christmas Party for Children in Sumpter. Parents should register children for the event by Dec. 8;

• Heard Supervisor Morgan report that the Senior Christmas Party is Dec. 13. Cost is \$8 for residents and \$9 for non-residents. All should bring a dish to pass or pay \$5;

• Heard Trustee Oddy report he has heard talk of a solar farm being put up in the township, but it is just a rumor now, he said;

• Heard township attorney Rob Young report that he is monitoring changes to the medical marijuana act that will go into effect in December 2017. He said the township will have to make some decisions before then;

• Heard Mary Ban note that Sumpter Township voters did not pass the two proposals for the new library. Also, she said, the wording on the Non-Homestead millage for the Van Buren Public Schools was confusing and the Sumpter voters voted no; and

• Heard Ronald Barrington Robinson ask if Sumpter Township is ready to defend a multi-million-dollar lawsuit brought by the Po's. Attorney Young replied, "We're prepared... Bring it on!"

Public Notice

PI Telecom Infrastructure V, LLC, is proposing to build a 125-foot mono-pole telecommunications tower (overall height 129-feet above ground surface) located north of Ecorse Road and west of Morton Taylor Road within Belleville, Michigan 48111. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Andrew Temerowski, G2 Consulting Group, LLC, 1866 Woodslee Street, Troy, Michigan 48083, Phone: 248-680-0400, E-Mail: atemerowski@g2consultinggroup.com.

Publish: December 8, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 9, 2016.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

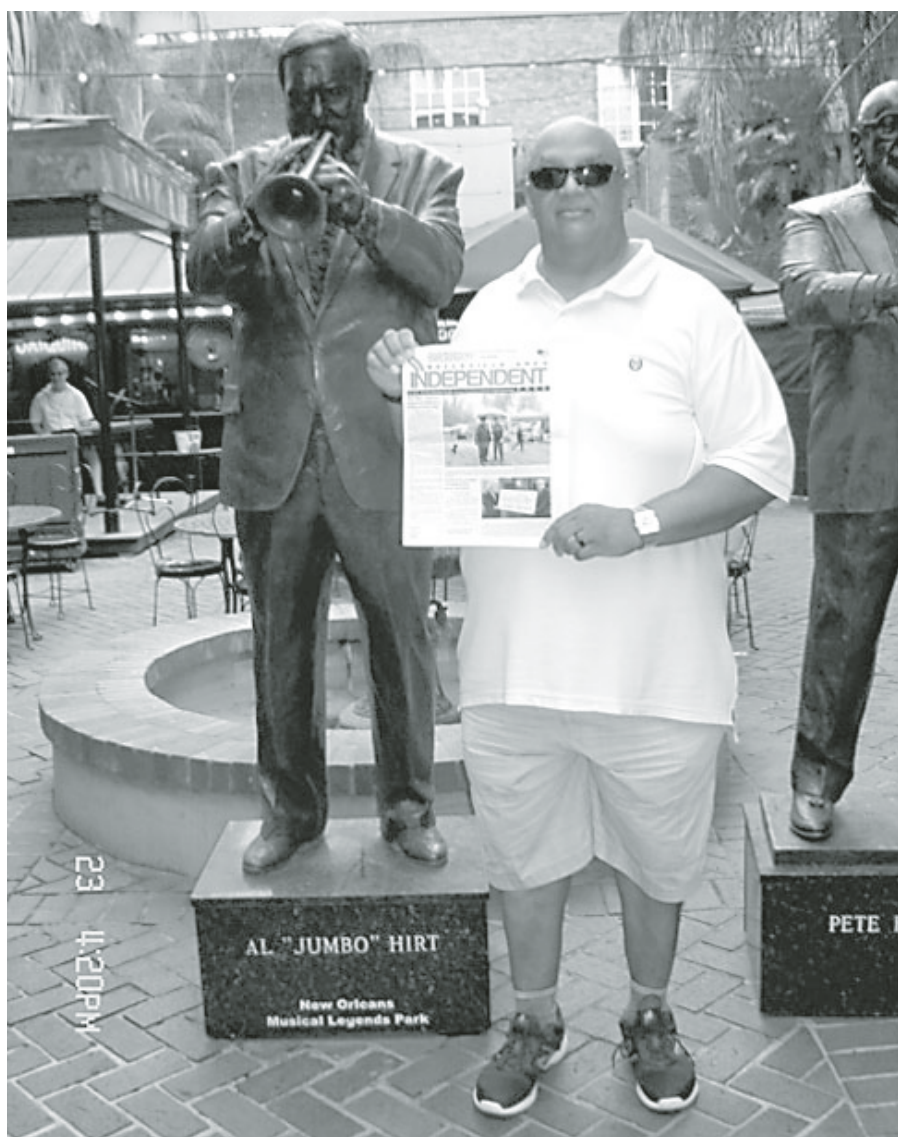
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December 8, 2016

Post: December 1, 2016

Accepting Sealed Bids for the Demolition of Dangerous Buildings

Sumpter Township is now accepting sealed bids for the demolition of dangerous buildings. A complete list of addresses and what is required is available at Sumpter Township Clerks Office. Bids must be received by December 14, 2016 at 3:00 pm. EEO, Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act for Minority Hiring and Prevailing Wages set forth by Wayne Co. & H.U.D. paid by Wayne County Community Block Grant Funds. Specifications available at the Township Clerks Office, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., 23480 Sumpter, Belleville, MI 48111

Publish: December 1 & 8, 2016



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Kevin Martin of Van Buren Township recently reads his *Belleville Area Independent* in New Orleans, Louisiana.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 590 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 27:
0136 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
0859 – vehicle repossession, Arcadia Ct.
0952 – vehicle repossession, S. Bellridge
1121 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1223 – juvenile complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1341 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1644 – family trouble, Stoneybrook Ct.
1647 – ATV/ORV complaint, Lohr
2018 – agency assist, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2125 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 28:
0030 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0445 – malicious destruction of property, Fay Dr.
0448 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Stoneybrook Ct.
0925 – family trouble, Fay Dr.
1027 – narcotics crime, Cobblestone
1221 – fraud all, N. Cumberland Dr.
1328 – breaking & entering, Alden Ave.
1332 – trespassing, Tyler Rd.
1353 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1709 – agency assist, Belleville
1721 – assault & battery, Sylvia Dr.
1732 – vehicle repossession, Hayes St.
1813 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1815 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
2010 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
2205 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2223 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis
2236 – hospice, Dewitt Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:
0000 – intimidation threat, Quirk Rd.
0442 – disturbance, Hamilton St.
0728 – personal injury accident, Belleville / N. Service Dr.
0756 – animal complaint, Van Born
1327 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.
1353 – fraud, Wildrye Ct.
1440 – abandoned auto, McKinley St.
1442 – suspicious person, Robson Rd.
1558 – property damage accident, Little Caesar
1559 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1615 – malicious destruction of property, Bemis
1807 – disturbance, Ayres Ave.
1909 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1915 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
2020 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

2140 – vehicle pursuit, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2235 – noise complaint, Brookside Dr.
2254 – fight, Locust Dr.
2315 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:
0113 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/I-94
0143 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0159 – property damage, Park Estates
0632 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1216 – property damage accident, Ecorse
1256 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1315 – fraud, Gilmore St.
1405 – suicide or attempt, Van Buren St.
1455 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2109 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2222 – fight, Meadows Cir.
2230 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

Thursday, Dec. 1:
0706 – fight, Rawsonville
0942 – disturbance, Van Buren St.
1205 – private property accident, E. Archwood Dr.
1223 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1407 – abandoned auto, Belmont Dr.
1439 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1444 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1759 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
1913 – liquor violation, E. Huron River Dr.
1940 – liquor violation, W. Huron River Dr.
1946 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.

1955 – liquor violation, Rawsonville Rd.
2005 – liquor violation, Ecorse Rd.
2027 – liquor violation, Van Born Rd.
2044 – liquor violation, Rawsonville Rd.
2046 – liquor violation, Haggerty Rd.
2110 – liquor violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2226 – assault & battery, Lake Crest Dr.
2231 – traffic hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty

Friday, Dec. 2:
0629 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
0711 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
0932 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1113 – fraud, Marina Dr.
1230 – suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1232 – malicious destruction of property, Water’s Edge Ln.
1305 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1358 – harassment call, Holly Ln.
1405 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
1634 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1811 – property damage, Denton Rd.
1823 – larceny, Morton Taylor Rd.
1824 – shots fired, Crowley Ave.
2041 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.
2100 – suicide or attempt, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
2114 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2222 – breaking & entering, Robson Rd.
2239 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
2303 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2309 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 3:
0041 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0103 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0127 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0225 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
0253 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
1102 – malicious destruction of property, Burtrig
1439 – fraud, E. Archwood Dr.
1555 – property damage accident, E. Huron/South
1603 – property damage accident, E. Huron/South
1610 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
1633 – fraud, Belleville
1713 – retail fraud, Belleville
1922 – fight, Full House
1936 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.
1940 – missing person, Denton Rd.
2044 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2145 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2147 – disorderly conduct, Richards Run

Also on this week’s log are 232 traffic stops, 71 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and bypasses, and 39 at Lakewood.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 27:
0050 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0944 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park Dr.
0958 – P.b.t. alcohol, Main St.
1131 – P.b.t. alcohol, Main St.
1209 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1352 – P.b.t. alcohol, Main St.
1431 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1500 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
2108 – suspicious vehicle, Victorian Ct.
2332 – private property incident, Main St.

Monday, Nov. 28:
0255 – parking complaint, Anaheim St.
0612 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1033 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.
1154 – E-911 hang up/investigation, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1408 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1803 – agency assist, Belleville
1835 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
2049 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
2157 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:
0252 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0743 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1016 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1111 – property damage accident, Five Points
1341 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

1420 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1433 – suspicious person, Belle Villa Blvd.
1458 – background investigation, Main St.
1501 – background investigation, Main St.
1858 – private property accident, South St.
1900 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1936 – suspicious person, Team Designs
2059 – warrant arrest, Tyler
2108 – harassment call, Robbe St.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:
0054 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0104 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1201 – warrant arrest, Westland PD
1232 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1446 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.
1832 – civil matter, Henry St.
1950 – harassment call, Robbe St.
2247 – private property incident, S. Industrial Park
2309 – intimidation threat, Loza Ln.

Thursday, Dec. 1:
1328 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1410 – breaking & entering, Carmell St.
1503 – property damage, High St.
1512 – warrant arrest, James Couzens
1600 – property damage accident, Main/Denton
1935 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.
2100 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Dec. 2:
0933 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1036 – agency assist, Main St.
1225 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1408 – assault & battery, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1411 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1607 – prisoner transport, Main St.
1737 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
2003 – disorderly conduct, Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 3:
0147 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0238 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1045 – found property, Main St.
1049 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1138 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1152 – welfare check, Church St.
1329 – holdup alarm, Main St.
1511 – fraud, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1603 – property damage, E. Huron/South
1624 – parking complaint, Belleville High School
1717 – welfare check, Clarence St.
1928 – property damage, Church St./Roys St.

Also on this week’s log are 50 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 27:
0047 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0500 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1233 – larceny, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1242 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1301 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1332 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1447 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1527 – larceny, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1541 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1558 – found property, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2140 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2256 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sherwood/Willow

Monday, Nov. 28:
0635 – property damage accident, Clark/S. Huron
1002 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1125 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Judd
1339 – ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

1539 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Willmot Rd.
1755 – well-being check, Georgia
1907 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2115 – suspicious incident, Redwood

Tuesday, Nov. 29:
0042 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville / Arkona
0206 – runaway juvenile, Birch Ct.
0915 – larceny, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1135 – suspicious incident, Greenmeadow
1220 – property damage accident, Edgewood
1337 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1417 – civil dispute, Brookview
1558 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1714 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Rawsonville
1946 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
2016 – suspicious vehicle, Colorado
2032 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:
0221 – alarm, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0615 – property damage accident, Harris / Sherwood
0743 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
0938 – malicious destruction of property, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1144 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Clark Ln.
1413 – breaking & entering, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1449 – breaking & entering, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1457 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1648 – missing person, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1739 – citizen assist, Willow/Carleton West
1824 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Arkona

1943 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Rawsonville
2350 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Oakville Waltz

Thursday, Dec. 1:
0330 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Willow
0407 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0645 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1300 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1339 – reckless driver, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1357 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1453 – harassment complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2007 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2100 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2211 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Wear
2349 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, Dec. 2:
0033 – suspicious vehicle, Virginia
0921 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0956 – runaway juvenile, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1040 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1055 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1347 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1452 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1603 – assist other agency, Willis/Rawsonville
1716 – fire assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1801 – breaking & entering, 21000 bl. Sherwood
2042 – felonious assault, E. Arizona

Saturday, Dec. 3:
0653 – suspicious incident, E. Arizona
1316 – missing person recovered, 50000 bl. Judd
1508 – neighbor dispute, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1549 – shots fired, Willis/Rawsonville
1907 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton
1939 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2012 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2024 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2203 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Martz

Also on this week’s log are 15 follow-up investigations, 41 miscellaneous details, 106 patrol checks, and 51 traffic stops.

County bridge work finally begins on Huron River Bridge in VBT

The Huron River Bridge in Van Buren Township was closed to traffic beginning the morning of Monday, Dec. 5, for about 14 days, according to a Nixle alert from VBT police.

Crews will be performing concrete patchwork to improve the ride quality of the road. Motorists who frequent the Huron River Bridge are advised to plan for extra travel time.

The posted detours from the east: Haggerty to I-94 South Service Drive to Belleville Road to Main Street.

The posted detours from the west: Main Street to Belleville Road to I-94 South Service Drive to Haggerty.

Those wishing to cut through the Lower Huron Metropark must pay the permit fee.

“Out of clutter, find simplicity.”

– Albert Einstein



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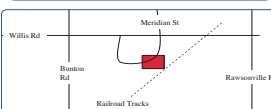
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Winter Fest



Independent photos by Bob Mytych

On Saturday, Santa Claus received the Key to the City of Belleville from Mayor Kerreen Conley, left, and a big welcome from Van Buren Public School Supt. Pete Kudlak, at right in a BHS hoodie.



This brightly decorated Sumpter Township fire truck brought Santa to town after he arrived at the high school in a helicopter.



Van Buren Pride Soccer presented a colorful, brightly lit float in the parade that was watched by a large crowd.



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42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 & \$40,000
26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES \$30,000
45885 BEMIS PAVED BUIDABLE LOT \$25,000
24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC \$29,500
ELWELL ACROSS FRM 29300 10AS \$59,500

49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES \$180,000
BEMIS BY SAVAGE 6 ACRES \$65,000
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